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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0547-01  
Bill No.: HB 167 with SCA 1  
Subject: Licenses - Driver's; Revenue Department  
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Bill Summary: This proposal requires Missouri driver's license examinations to be administered in English and does not permit the use of language interpreters.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
Highway Fund	\$52,580	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$52,580</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

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### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Transportation** state this proposed legislation will have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety-Office of the Director**, assume this proposal will result in no fiscal impact to the Director's Office.

According to officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)**, many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the proposal. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue (DOR)** state this proposal would require DOR to update information in the printed and web version of the non-commercial license driver guide and update any other web site information related to testing requirements. It is assumed changes to the driver guide will be included upon next review and reorder and will not require additional costs for destruction of the prior manuals and reissuance of updated manuals.

Currently the Missouri State Highway Patrol administers all written and driving skills examinations for non-commercial licensing and the majority of the testing for commercial Driver Licenses.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Driver License Bureau

The proposed changes will require the DOR to draft updates to printed and electronic versions of the driver guide:

FY 12

Administrative Analyst -	10 hrs @ \$24 (1 ½) per hr	=	\$ 240
Management Analysis Specialist II -	10 hrs @ \$23 per hr	=	\$ 230
Revenue Band Manager -	10 hrs @ \$30 per hr	=	<u>\$ 300</u>
Total			= <b>\$ 770</b>

DOR estimates the cost for Personnel Services Bureau to update web site and driver guide information:

FY 12

Administrative Analyst III	10 hours@ \$22 per hr	=	\$ 220
2 Management Analysis Specialist I -	80 hours@ \$21 per hr	=	<u>\$1,680</u>
Total		=	<b>\$1,900</b>

**Oversight** assumes DOR is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. **Oversight** assumes DOR could absorb the personal service costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DOR could request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol** state this proposed legislation would eliminate the need for paper tests in 11 foreign languages at a translation rate of \$1,000 per language (11 x \$1,000 = \$11,000). These amounts are based on the average prices for services billed in 2002. In addition, seven computerized tests at a translation rate of \$5,940 per test (7 x \$5,940 = \$41,580) would also be eliminated for a total of \$52,580. The charge for the computerized tests was recently estimated by a company currently utilized by the state for translation purposes. This savings is predicted for FY 12 and would occur approximately once every five years when tests are revised and updated.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

If an applicant brings an interpreter, a Patrol employee would have to sit with them one-on-one to avoid the possibility of fraud. The Patrol assumes that a very small percentage of applicants would bring an interpreter with them so the Patrol would be able to absorb this additional workload. However, if more than 25 percent of applicants bring an interpreter, the Patrol may require an additional FTE.

Officials from MHP state sign language interpreters are already used. An applicant may bring a their own sign language interpreter or, if requested, the Examination Division will provide the sign language interpreter.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>			
<u>Savings</u> - Missouri State Highway Patrol - Reduction in testing costs	<u>\$52,580</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b><u>\$52,580</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal could have a fiscal impact on businesses that provide the interpreter services as well as translators of written material.

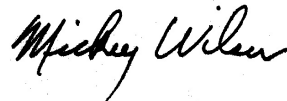
### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation requires Missouri driver's license examinations to be administered in English so that the applicant can demonstrate his or her ability to sufficiently understand highway traffic signs and safety warnings. The Director of the Department of Revenue cannot supply language interpreters in connection with the required written and driving tests.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety  
Missouri State Highway Patrol  
Department of Revenue  
Department of Transportation  
Office of Secretary of State  
Administrative Rules Division



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